

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re the Application of:

Kazuo OKADA

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated December 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 5, 7 and 9-26 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 6, 32-34 and 36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 5, 10 and 24 are amended.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)

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